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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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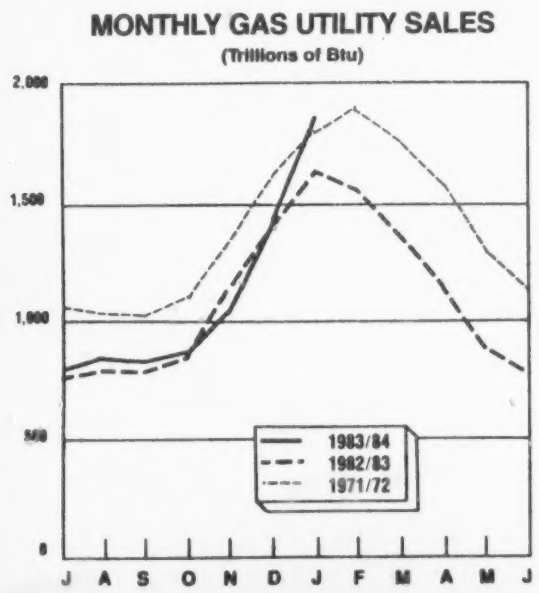
Residential sales, commercial sales, and industrial sales showed an increase in January of 1984 compared to last year. Residential sales increased 24.7 percent, commercial sales increased 20.9 percent, and industrial sales increased 7.2 percent. The Nov.-Jan. heating season sales are up 8.6 percent from last year's comparable period.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

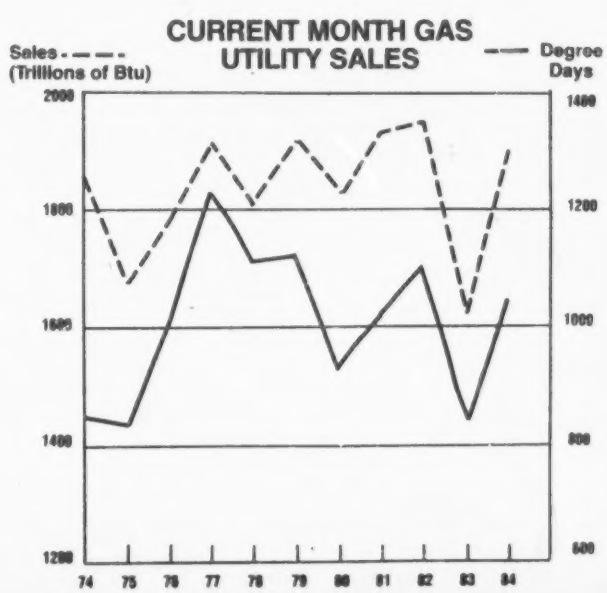
	January			Heating Season (Nov.-Jan.)		January 1 to December 31		
	1984	1983	% Change[2]	1984	Last Period	1984 Forecast[1]	1983[P]	% Change
Residential	899.7	721.5	+ 24.7	1,933.4	+ 15.0	4,762.3	4,479.5	+ 6.3
Commercial	412.6	341.3	+ 20.9	926.3	+ 10.9	2,445.1	2,319.2	+ 5.4
Industrial	565.9	527.9	+ 7.2	1,594.2	+ 0.3	6,172.4	6,134.4	+ 0.6
Other	20.5	16.3	-	54.5	-	161.8	149.1	-
Total	1,898.7	1,607.0	+ 18.2	4,508.4	+ 8.6	13,541.6	13,082.2	+ 3.5
Degree Days	1034	891	+ 16.0	2603	+ 20.7			

(NOAA - weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for January is 978)

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.
[P]Preliminary data based on A.G.A. sample.



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

January

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Domestic Range			
Gas	131.6	108.1	+ 21.7
Electric	260.3	190.1	+ 36.9
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	74.0	52.7	+ 40.4
Electric	292.4	207.3	+ 41.1
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	145.6	128.9	+ 13.0
Electric	28.0	18.7	+ 49.6
Oil	11.1	9.5	+ 17.1
Boilers			
Gas	12.5	10.4	+ 20.5
Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 57.1
Oil	6.5	5.4	+ 19.5

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

January

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	105.8	91.3	+ 15.9
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	571.1	559.1	+ 2.1
Electricity	332.8	319.2	+ 4.3
Fuel Oil	652.7	689.3	- 5.3

SOURCES: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	103.6	87.7	+ 18.2
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.51	5.53	- 0.4
Commercial	5.39	5.35	+ 0.7
Industrial	4.40	4.58	- 3.9
Total	5.16	5.19	- 0.6

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.31	1.36
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.69	1.74
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.90	1.79
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.23	1.94
1980	3.13	3.61	3.34	2.79	2.64
1981	3.65	4.16	3.91	3.29	3.46
1982	4.44	4.97	4.72	3.97	4.30
1983[P]	5.06	5.82	5.41	4.32	4.83

[P]Preliminary

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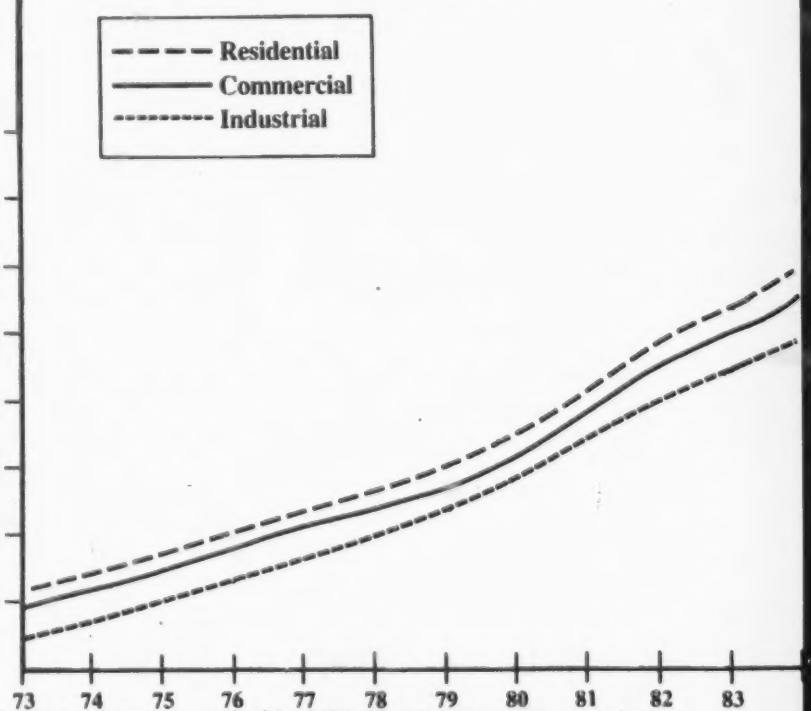

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[1]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.